

HOUSE BILL 2033
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated
Title 11, Chapter 14 relative to state
natural areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 11-14-108(b)(2) is amended by adding the following as appropriately designated subsections:

() Stones River Cedar Glade and Barrens. An area of approximately one hundred and eighty-five acres (185) located within Stones River National Battlefield in Rutherford County. This Central Basin site includes rare limestone cedar glades and barrens communities, and is a recovery site for the rare Tennessee coneflower and Pyne's ground-plum. This site also supports numerous other rare and endemic cedar glade plants.

() Gattinger's Cedar Glade and Barrens. An area of approximately fifty-seven acres (57) located in Rutherford and Wilson Counties. This Central Basin site supports one of the largest known populations of the rare Tennessee coneflower, as well as numerous other rare and endemic cedar glade plants. It is a pristine limestone cedar glade-barrens complex.

Section 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Subsection 11-14-108(b)(1)(N) concerning Shelby Farms Forest-Lucius E. Burch, Jr. Natural Area is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(N) Lucius E. Burch, Jr. An area of approximately 1,000 acres located within Shelby Farms Forest Park in Shelby County. This Coastal Plain site includes areas of bottomland hardwood/bald cypress-tupelo forest and forested wetland communities along the Wolf River and provides habitat for plant and animal species in need of conservation. The one thousand (1,000) acre natural area includes two (2) separate forest areas: an approximately six hundred (600) acre bottomland hardwood/bald cypress-tupelo swamp forest north of Walnut Grove Road, and an approximately four hundred thirteen (413) acre mature bottomland hardwood/bald cypress forest south of Walnut Grove Road. The following area is specifically excluded from the Lucius E. Burch, Jr. Natural Area, to wit: an area bounded on the north by the northern right-of-way of Walnut Grove Road, present and future, and extending southeast parallel to the Wolf River for a distance of approximately 3,500 feet.

Section 3. Tennessee Code Annotated Subsection 11-14-108(b)(2)(GG) concerning Couchville Cedar Glade is amended by deleting the language, “an eighty-four (84) acre” and substituting instead, “a one hundred twenty-two (122) acre”.

Section 4. Tennessee Code Annotated Subsection 11-14-108(b)(2)(MM) concerning North Chickamauga Creek Gorge is amended by deleting the language, “three thousand eight hundred fifty-two (3,852) acres” and substituting instead, “four thousand eight hundred sixty-four (4,864) acres”.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.